

Handling and Restraint Practicum

Student Directions

Practicum #1: Using a Cat Bag

Suzie brings her 4 year old fractious female Siamese named “Pumpkin” in for an ingrown toenail on the right front paw. You, the veterinary assistant, tell Suzie that “Pumpkin” will have to be taken to the back so that Pumpkin can be properly treated. Correctly place “Pumpkin” in the cat bag and verbally describe each step in the procedure as you do it.

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Practicum #2: Applying a Gauze Dog Muzzle

“Sergeant” the seven year old intact male German shepherd is at the practice for his annual vaccinations. On his record, you note that he has a history of being aggressive during vaccinations. As a result, you discuss with the veterinarian that after the exam and prior to the vaccinations, you will apply a gauze muzzle. Please demonstrate each procedure and verbally explain each step.

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Practicum # 3: Restraint of the Dog for Venipuncture of the Lateral Saphenous Vein

“Dylan,” the two year old golden retriever is at the veterinary hospital to be neutered. Dr. Jones requests that you obtain a blood sample from “Dylan” for his pre-anesthetic panel. Talk through each step as you restrain “Dylan” for the procedure of drawing blood from the lateral saphenous vein.

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Practicum # 4: Placing a Tail Tie

Darrell, the local beef cattle breeder, would like to perform embryo transfer on his cows. You are accompanying the local bovine vet to assist. In preparation for the embryo transfer, you must prevent the tail from getting in the way. Talk through each step as you place the tail tie on the cow.